

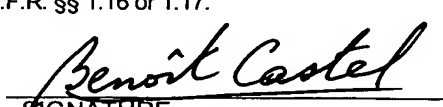
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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | Attorney Docket No. 0512-1286 |
| | | U.S. Application No. 10/541842 |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO. PCT/FR2003/003902 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE December 24, 2003 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED January 13, 2003 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION: CONVEYOR BELT AND BELT CONVEYOR SYSTEM COMPRISING SAME | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Rene BRUNONE | | |

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
- ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
- ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
 - ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau. See attached PCT/IB/308.
 - ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
 - ☒ is attached hereto.
 - ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
 - ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - ☐ have not been made, however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
- ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
- ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4))
- ☐ A Declaration of Inventorship for purposes of U.S.A. designation pursuant to rule 4.17(iv).))
- ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - ☒ Copy of IDS citations.
- ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)).
- ☒ A preliminary amendment.
- ☒ An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.
- ☒ Itemized Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ A substitute specification.
- ☐ Power of Attorney and Statement under 37 CFR §3.73(b)
 - ☐ Newly executed Power of Attorney
 - ☐ A change of Power of Attorney and/or change of address letter.
- ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
- ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application (35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)).
- ☒ Other items or information: **International Search Report Form PCT/ISA/210, Form PCT/ISA/220 Form PCT/IB/304, and Abstract**

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. 10/541842 | | INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO. PCT/FR2003/003902 | | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.. 0512-1286 | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: <p align="center">PCT FEES - NATIONAL STAGE</p> | | | | CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY | |
| <p align="center"><u>Fee Description</u></p> | | | | | |
| Basic National Stage Fee | | | | \$150.00 | |
| Non ISA/US Search Provided National Stage Search Fee | | | | \$200.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> US was the IPEA And all claims satisfied the provisions of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4) National Stage Examination Fee | | | | \$100.00 | |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (Fee Code 1617/2617) | | | | \$0.00 | |
| National Stage Application size fee each additional 50 sheets in excess of 100 Fee Code 1681/2681 | Additional Sheets 14 - 100 = 0 = 0 X 50 | | Fee From Below \$125.00 | \$0.00 | |
| CLAIMS | | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | |
| Independent Claims Fee Codes 1614 / 2614 | | 2 - 3 = | 0 | x \$100.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Claims Fee Codes 1615 / 2615 | | 15 - 20 = | 0 | x \$25.00 | \$0.00 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) Fee Code 1616 / 2616 | | | | + \$360.00 | \$0.00 |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). Fee Code 1618 | | | | \$0.00 | |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). (Fee code 8021) \$40.00 per property + | | | | \$0.00 | |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = | | | | \$ 450.00 | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ 450.00 to cover the above fees is attached. <input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 in the name of Young & Thompson. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17. | | | | | |
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